

service to these great United States. These extraordinary individuals maintain the Guard's multi-mission role—providing nearly 33 percent of America's combat power globally. Yet, simultaneously and with great skill, from approximately 3,400 community-based armories they serve their fellow citizens in defense of our homeland, and in support to States and local civil authorities and emergency response needs.

Now more than ever, this Nation is relying upon the Guard to wage combat on foreign soil, straining our resources here on the home front to respond to domestic disasters and the Guard's traditional duties. The training, equipping, and deployment of the Guard, and their budget, ought to be matters decided with input from the National Guard Chief at the highest levels of the military echelon. Now more than ever, the Guard needs a seat at the head table.

HONORING RABBI JUDITH S.
LEWIS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Judith S. Lewis became the rabbi of Riverdale Temple in the summer of 2006, after having served for 14 years as the Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel of the City of New York. She began her tenure at Temple Israel as the Director of Education for six years.

In 2005 she earned an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, where she was ordained in 1980. She was part of the first generation of women rabbis, ordained at a time when there were fewer than a dozen women in the Reform rabbinate. Her undergraduate degree was in Philosophy, from Oberlin College in Ohio.

Rabbi Lewis was born and raised in Rochester, New York where her extended family participated in congregations of every denomination. A favored childhood recollection is the successive observance of Jewish holidays at each congregation. Once services ended at her family's Reform synagogue, they would often go to join her grandparents in their Conservative congregation, and finally join aunts and uncles at the Orthodox synagogue to finish the celebration of the holiday.

Rabbi Lewis says she has enjoyed directing the religious school this year calling the students are among the most delightful young people she has ever met. Jewish education has been a life-long passion for her and she has the rare ability to inculcate her students with that passion and enthusiasm.

Rabbi Lewis is being honored at the Riverdale Temple's Annual Student Scholarship breakfast. I join with the Temple in honoring this wonderful teacher as she completes her 30th year in the rabbinate, and thank her for her many contributions to the Temple, its students, and the community.

CONGRATULATING MAYOR
RICHARD M. DALEY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Chicago's "idea a minute" Mayor Richard M. Daley. On September 7, 2010, Mayor Daley announced that after his 22 years in office, he would not seek re-election. But during those 22 years, Chicagoans were privileged to be served by a man with such vision, passion, and inimitable love for our city.

Mayor Daley not only improved the quality of life in Chicago, but also made it one of the most environmentally friendly cities in the world. He did so by encouraging businesses to use green technology and helping companies save money by becoming more sensitive to the environment. Mayor Daley directed the planting of thousands of trees, the building of green roofs, and construction of nearly one-hundred square miles of landscaped medians. Mayor Daley also built and improved infrastructure, such as the 1996 revamp of State Street and the 2002 rebuilding of Wacker Drive.

Many new tourist attractions were overseen by Mayor Daley during his time in office, as he was committed to ensuring Chicago remained a world-class city. In 1998, the Museum Campus opened to the public. The campus formed an uninterrupted, pedestrian-friendly green space for Chicago's three natural science museums. Later, in 2004, he unveiled Millennium Park. Continuing Chicago's tradition of sculpture and architecture, the park includes Anish Kapoor's "Cloud Gate", also known as "The Bean," an interactive multimedia fountain of faces created by Jaume Plensa, and a beautiful garden designed by Kathryn Gustafson. Mayor Daley also played an instrumental role in the renovation and transformation of Navy Pier into Chicago's most popular tourist attraction.

Along with beautifying the City, Mayor Daley made Chicago a safer place for our children and families. From creating the City's first community policing programs to installing safety cameras outside schools to working closely with Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Mayor Daley has made fighting neighborhood crime and education a priority. He has improved the performance of Chicago's public schools by enhancing school safety and creating after-school and early childhood education programs. Because of Mayor Daley's focus on education, fewer students are dropping out of school and more are moving on to higher education.

Our city's outgoing mayor was also a good friend to the LGBT community and a national trailblazer for equality, because it was the right thing to do. He formed an LGBT Advisory Council for the city, and Chicago remains the only city in the country to recognize the civic contributions of the LGBT community in an annual ceremony recognizing our LGBT Hall of Fame, into which Mayor Daley was inducted in 2006.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mayor Richard M. Daley, 45th mayor of the City of Chicago. I commend him for his 22 years of service on the fifth floor and through-

out the neighborhoods that make our home the best city in the world. He leaves a legacy of service and passion for preserving and improving the city we all know and love, Chicago. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for everything. I wish you, Maggie, and your entire family nothing but the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 344, I was unavoidably detained and the amendment was gavelled closed before I could cast my vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

THANKING AL POWERS FOR HIS
SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement on June 2nd 2011, we rise to thank Mr. Al Powers for his more than twenty-nine years of distinguished service to the United States House of Representatives.

Al began his career with the House working in the office of Representative Bob Whittaker as an Office Assistant, and when the Member retired, he was the office Press Assistant. Time spent handling press issues led to the idea for the House Enterprise Facsimile Service which he was instrumental in helping to develop when he joined House Information Resources (HIR) in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (Office of the CAO) as a Systems Engineer. This service is currently used by the House. Al was also instrumental in the inception of many services that are critical to the House today—including the current E-mail system.

Al's knowledge, experience, dedication and consistently outstanding performance in his daily tasks has set a fine example in providing superior customer service and has earned the respect of his co-workers.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Al Powers for his many years of dedication, outstanding contributions and service to the United States House of Representatives.

We wish him many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I missed the vote on Campbell amendment #54 to H.R. 1540, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. Had I voted, I would have voted "no" on the amendment.